

New York Youths Rescued From Cave Beneath Street

New York — (U.P.) — Two and one-half days of terror ended for three teen-agers today when police dangling on ropes 150 feet above the ground rescued them from a cave under one of New York's heaviest traveled streets.

The two girls and one boy "explored" the cave Saturday afternoon. They were trapped until 2:30 a.m. today without food or water in their dank prison.

They had spent more than 50 hours praying, yelling themselves hoarse to cars overhead on the Henry Hudson Parkway and trying to dig their way out with their fingernails.

"It was terribly dark and we just prayed and prayed," they said between bites on hamburgers brought by their rescuing officers. "Thank God, you found us."

They owed their lives to the perseverance of a detective who located the cave on a slim clue from one of the children's playmates.

The adventuring trio — 13-year-old Jacqueline, and 16-year-old Joelle Weber, and Ronald Tevlin, 15, all of Manhattan — climbed a 150-foot stone cliff, using hand-holds in the crevices, to caves under the highway.

While the teen-agers explored one of the caves with a flashlight, dirt and rock shifted, blocking all but a small opening too small to crawl through.

The girls were reported missing Monday afternoon by their father Joseph Weber, who had been frantically trying to find them by calling their girl friends, with whom he believed them to be staying.

Detective Bob Herbstman was ordered on the case and began questioning teen-age friends of the trio on the assumption that they were runaways. One close friend of the missing children, Richard DeWald, 12, mentioned the caves to Herbstman. The detective investigated his slim lead and discovered the youngsters' plight.

Champion of Negro Rights Succumbs To Heart Disease

New York — (U.P.) — Walter White, champion of Negro rights and executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1918, died Monday of heart disease.

White, 61, known as the "ranking Negro diplomat" in segregation controversies, was looked upon by many Negroes as the nearest thing they had to a national leader since the death of Booker T. Washington in 1915.

He was fair-skinned with blue eyes. His own blood was said to be but 1-64th Negro. His second wife, Mrs. Poppy Cannon White, was Caucasian.

White was tireless during his entire career with the NAACP in investigating reports of persecution, lynchings and discrimination and was an energetic leader in pressing for relief in the courts and legislatures.

He was born in Atlanta where childhood tragedies influenced the course of his life. White's father, a mail carrier, died of "lack of attention" because of an injury. White believed his father would have lived if he had received treatment and not been treated as a Negro. When he was 12, Atlanta was torn by the ordeal of racial riots.

White, although he was not a lawyer, appeared many times in the chambers of the Supreme Court where he sat in a section of seats up near the judges' bench, which are traditionally set aside for attorneys who have practiced before the court.

White was a novelist, biographer and contributor to numerous nationally known magazines. He served as a war correspondent for the New York Post from 1943 to 1945 in the European, Mediterranean, Middle East and Pacific theaters.



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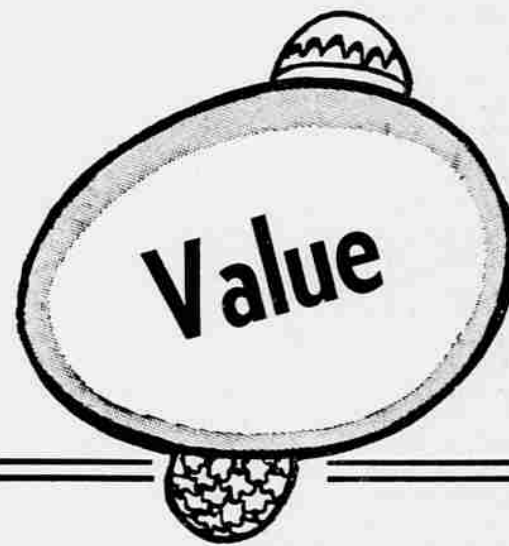
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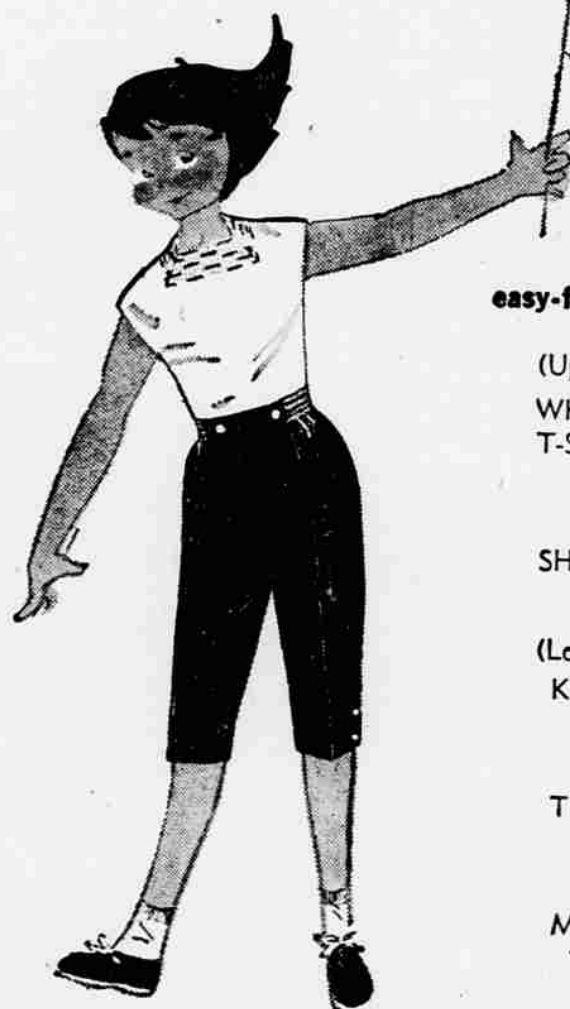
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